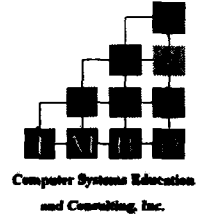


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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am quite pleased that the factious lawsuit between the Department of Justice and Microsoft has ended with a settlement. It appears to me that most of the terms of the settlement are fair for both sides; I find that its greatest advantage is simply to remove the litigation from the courts.

Given the inflammatory tone of the trial, it is better for those of us in the IT community, as well as for consumers in general to have this entire regrettable episode concluded. While the settlement is fair and realistic, providing for new changes in Windows designs and reassessment of licensing agreements that were considered unfair, the best thing about the settlement is that it will be over.

I am writing to lend my support to the settlement. It is my hope that this sort of bitterness between our government and a private business should not be repeated.

Sincerely,

Karen Feltner  
Office Manager

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